

## LYMAN IDENTIFIED BY EX-BONDSMAN

Tufts Says Florida Prisoner Is Fugitive Swindler—Jury Here Indicts.

## SLIP GIVES PURSUER CLEW TO GET-AWAY

Sent Mail to Philadelphia Typist for Remailing—Arrested in Quest for Gas and News.

Dr. J. Grant Lyman, the international "get-rich-quick" swindler, who fled from this city on February 9, a day before his brokerage offices, at 68 Broad street, were raided by postoffice inspectors, is under arrest in St. Petersburg, Fla. He was taken two days ago as he came ashore from his luxurious motor yacht, and, with a well conducted bluff, procured a writ of habeas corpus, claiming that he was not the fugitive Lyman.

Lyman's chance to get away on the strength of the writ was nipped yesterday by the appearance of Gorham Tufts, of Los Angeles, his bondsman and benefactor, who had been on Lyman's trail for six months. Tufts yesterday identified the prisoner as the fugitive swindler who conducted a fraudulent brokerage business in this city as John H. Putnam & Co.

Fearful lest Lyman should fight legal from Florida and through legal technicalities resume his wanderings, Edwin M. Stanton, an assistant prosecutor for the Southern District of New York, procured an indictment against the prisoner, and within a half hour Edward B. Mayhew, one of the inspectors who was on Lyman's trail since February 9, was on his way to St. Petersburg with the papers.

Makes Fatal Error.

Lyman, according to the Post Office authorities had lost none of his cunning. Conscious that his pursuers were close on his heels, he was never far from his wits.

Hugh J. MacQuillan, Post Office inspector, who has long been familiar with the doings of Dr. Lyman, traced him to Philadelphia, where he learned the swindler had deposited \$10,000 in cash in the name of Mrs. Jane Hartman, his mother-in-law, who was then aboard on the Atlantic with Lyman's wife.

Lyman wanted his wife to get the money, but dared not deposit it in her name. MacQuillan knew far whom the money was, and later saw an advertisement in a newspaper in this city which read: "English valet, 18 years' experience, desired a position." It was a code message the inspector said to inform Mrs. Lyman that the money was on deposit in Philadelphia.

Leaving Philadelphia by automobile, the get-rich-quick man went to Washington, where he was not far from Lyman, and Lyman knew it. The fugitive tried to dispose of some du Pont powder stock, which his wife was sure to pick up, but the chase was too close, and he motored to Richmond, Va., where he made the mistake of his career. At one of the big hotels he employed Miss Belle Hampton, a stenographer, to write letters for him and arranged for her to remain whatever letters he had sent to her.

Trapped Seeking News.

Searching for his quarry in Richmond, MacQuillan found Miss Hampton, who identified her employer as Lyman. Through his letters to the young stenographer the inspectors were informed of Lyman's movements.

His next stop was Tampa, Fla., where he dismissed his chauffeur, stored his car and went into seclusion in a cheap boarding house. He did not take his meals at the house, and actually subsisted on fruits and crackers. He wore shabby clothes and gave out hints that he was going to Cuba.

To throw his pursuers off the scent Lyman suddenly left Tampa on Sunday for Jacksonville. His trunk was shipped by express to that city under the name of Cisco, but when he arrived there he retraced his course without claiming his baggage.

At Clearwater, Lyman saw a chance to make a clean getaway. A fine motor yacht that had come from Chicago by way of the Mississippi River was offered for sale. Lyman bought it for cash, stored it with a "reputable" provision and then headed for Key West, his destination was to be New Orleans.

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